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**From:** Jue, Tyrone  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 08, 2010 10:41 AM  
**To:** 'Brady'  
**Subject:** RE: Waters/Vietor dustup

Hey Brady,

Sorry I couldn't get back to you yesterday. I hope you'll consider putting another post up on the issue. Here are the answers to your question about Vietor along with some things that were factually wrong yesterday's post.

I also hope you've been successful to get a copy of their test. If so, have you had an independent university or research firm review that data? You don't even have to share with me, but I would implore you at least to have an independent 3<sup>rd</sup> expert party look at the test so you can report on it. It is appalling that it has been over half-a-year and the test conducted by these groups on our biosolids compost has not been publically available. There is no excuse. This does not support their calls for transparency or show they are working in the public's best interest.

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1. The statement Francesca suing the UK Guardian is factually inaccurate. A legal statement asking for the correction of inaccurate information in a publication is not a lawsuit. Since she is not in any way instituting a legal proceeding or filing a suit in court against the The Guardian she is not "suing" them. I would appreciate it if you could make that correction. I'm not sure why others are making this bogus claim

2. The role of a Commissioner is to set the policies for the SFPUC. It is a volunteer, non-paid position. There was never a formal Commission item on the topic with Commissioner Vietor because the biosolids compost giveaways were an administrative pilot program that began a year prior to her joining the commission. It is only recently after claims were made by organizations about the quality of our biosolids compost that she had a conversation with our General Manager to suspend the program and do the additional tests above and beyond what is required by federal and state guidelines in the interest of public transparency.

I mentioned before that only 20 tons of our 82,000 tons of biosolids generated here in San Francisco actually turned into biosolids compost for the giveaways. This is obviously a small percentage of what we generate here in San Francisco. While slanderous attacks were certainly not expected by fringe environmental groups, one of the main reasons we started this pilot giveaway was to explore and publically discuss reuse opportunities. This is a discussion we have always been open to having and look forward to working with regulatory agencies, environmental organizations and other research institutes willing to review our tests and the latest scientific research to collaboratively come up with solutions.

As long as there are people there will be solid waste. As long as you have cities and populations you will have large volumes of solids waste. This is not just a San Francisco issue, but a worldwide one. It is easy for these groups to stand at a 30,000 foot level to throw sticks and stones pretending that people's toilet waste should magically disappear. They should work be constructively with us on solutions and stop their personal attacks trying to extend their 15 minutes of fame.

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Hi Tyrone,

We're doing a follow-up blog post on the whole Alice Waters/Francesca Vietor dustup. There is some confusion about when Vietor "found out" about the biosolids compost program. Can you clarify this for me? Once she became aware of it, I have read that she raised concerns among staff, which led to the program's indefinite suspension. Is this accurate? Also, for how long has Vietor been the VP of the PUC commission?

Many, many thanks,  
~Brady, SFBG